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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: REVISED TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH FRONTLINE STATES

NIGERIA AND GABON

REF: USUN 1904 (NOTAL), STATE 119868(NOTAL)

1. AFTER SOME DAYS DELAY CAUSED BY VISITING FIREMENT AND HOLIDAY,
PRES BONGO FINALLY RECEIVED FRENCH CHARGE AND FRG AND AMERICAN
AMBASSADORS MORNING MAY 19.

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2. FRENCH CHARGE MADE VERBATIM ALL POINTS USUN 1904. BONGO
AGAIN TOLD US HOW MUCH HE APPRECIATED EFFORTS OF FIVE. HE
ENTIRELY APPROVED OUR (FIVE) ANALYSIS OF SITUATION. PLAN WAS
ONLY WAY TO NEGOTIATE INDEPENDENCE. NOW THAT SOUTH AFRICANS
HAD AGREED TO PLAN AND EVEN FOUND POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN HIS OWN
RECENT DECLARATION (LIBREVILLE 1107), ONLY SWAPO REMAINED INTRANSI-
GENT. HE WAS READY, HOWEVER, TO TRY THROUGH SECRETARY GENERAL

OF OAU TO PERSUADE SWAPO AS WE WISHED, BUT WAS FRANKLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT RESULT.

3. ACCORDING BONGO, PROBLEM OF NUJOMA'S ATTITUDE STEMS FROM HIS FEAR OF FREE ELECTIONS WHICH NUJOMA REALIZES WILL NOT BE FAVORABLE TO SWAPO. URGED ON BY RUSSIANS AND CUBANS, NUJOMA PREFERS "ANGOLAN SOLUTION" WHICH WOULD PERMIT HIM TO BECOME HEAD OF STATE. IN BONGO'S ESTIMATION THERE IS "TOO MUCH MADE OF SWAPO" AND ANY DELAY RISKED AN INTERNAL SOLUTION AND CREATION OF ANOTHER BANTUSTAN THAT NO ONE WOULD RECONIZE, A POINT HE INSISTED SWAPO CHOOSES NOT TO UNDERSTAND.

4. FRENCH CHARGE NOTED THAT AFRICANS, INCLUDING SOME WHO THOUGHT AS BONGO DID, HAVE NOT CHOSEN TO DISSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM SWAPO LINE. BONGO AGREED SAYING THAT IN CONTEXT OF UN, AFRICANS WERE EXPOSED TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PESSURES FROM EXTREMISTS. SUCH WOULD NOT BE CASE IN OAU.

5. FINALLY, BONGO SAID THAT IF NOTHING NEW OCCURRED, HE WOULD BE WILLING ON BASIS OF DETAILED INFO TO BE PROVIDED BY FIVE, TO TAKE MATTER UP AT KHARTOUM. MEMBERS OF OAU WOULD THEN HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE UNAMBIGUOUS POSITIONS THROUGH VOTE, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD SHOW A FAVORABLE TENDENCY TO PLAN OF FIVE.

6. COMMENT: BONGO IS GENERALLY ON OUR SIDE. EXTEND TO WHICH HE CAN PERSUADE OTHER AFRICANS IS PROBABLY DIFFERENT MATTER, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT IT WORTH OUR EFFORT TO GET HIM TO TRY. HE OBVIOUSLY HAS LITTLE USE FOR SWAPO AND REPEATEDLY TOLD US "THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT."TIENKEN

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